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Giorgio BERTOLINI et al. : Attorney Docket: 2003IT303  
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Filed: February 3, 2006 :  
Title: Process For Preparing 2',3'-Didehydro-2',3'-Dideoxynucleosides And  
2',3'-Dideoxynucleosides

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

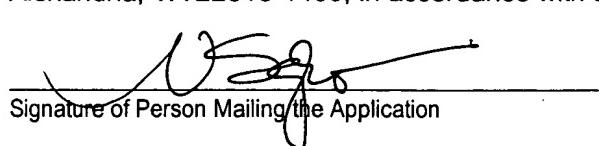
**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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